

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Hargens, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Buckingham, Burg, Christensen, Cradduck, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Hackl, Hanson, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Konold, Kraus, Kroger, Lange, LaRue, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Nesselhuf, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Mel), Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Putnam, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Smidt, Solum, Teupel, Thompson, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Van Norman, Weems, Wick, and Williamson and Senators Duxbury, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brown, de Hueck, Dempster, Dennert, Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Greenfield, Ham-Burr, Jaspers, Kelly, Kleven, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, Kurtenbach, LaPointe, McCracken, Moore, Nachtigal, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Reedy, Schoenbeck, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), Symens, and Vitter

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting South Dakota's congressional delegation to
2 work to maintain the automated flight service station in Huron as staffed by federal air
3 traffic control flight service specialists.

4 WHEREAS, the closing of the Huron Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) would leave
5 the State of South Dakota without any flight services based in our state; and

6 WHEREAS, a key function of the Huron AFSS is to provide weather briefings, and
7 according to the National Transportation Safety Board, six hundred ninety-seven fatal flight
8 accidents in the United States between 1995 and 2000 were weather related; and

9 WHEREAS, the closing of the Huron AFSS would negatively impact pilots and passengers



1 by forcing pilots to rely on information from individuals not familiar with the geography and
2 the rapidly changing and diverse weather that routinely occurs throughout South Dakota; and

3 WHEREAS, the citizens of this large state depend on the safety of air service for personal,
4 commercial, business, and access to medical care; and

5 WHEREAS, the specialists at the flight service are trained in air emergencies, NOTAM
6 information, initiation of search and rescue, flight planning, and weather; and

7 WHEREAS, as South Dakota citizens, the specialists at the flight service are intimately
8 familiar with the vast array of small towns, air strips, and diverse geography throughout South
9 Dakota; and

10 WHEREAS, the specialists at the flight service are an integral component of the South
11 Dakota homeland security plan; and

12 WHEREAS, the community of Huron will be greatly impacted by the loss of thirty federal
13 employees:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
15 ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
16 Dakota Legislature requests our congressional delegation to support the maintenance of the
17 Huron Automated Flight Service as currently staffed.